4/5/73

Dear Harold,

Kinda busy right now, but I want to write concerning your recent request re local news stories on Bud and Watergate.

When I first heard (read) that Bud was McCord's new lawyer, I was quite concerned, simply because of what I know of him and his committee, especially how he has violated the lawyer-client relationship with you. I feared all kinds of irresponsibilities, especially if he put anything into the hands of the committee, which seemed possible to me. As you know, as soon as I saw the NYT story on Bud, I sent you two copies.

Since then, Bud's behavior as far as I've seen has been proper. On the CBS 7:00pm News 3/30/73, it was reported that AP had a dispatch out that Alch was considering resigning because of Bud, and that Alch accused Bud of using McCord as a means of attacking and embarrassing the Nixon administration. I immediately went out and bought the pm edition of the Bulletin and the early edition of the next day's Inquirer, but neither carried this AP story. I've seen no mention of it in the Times, or in subsequent local papers.

I've seen little mention of Bud in any NYT stories. A 4/4/73 story by Walter Rugaber contains this graph: "One of McCord's attorney's, Bernard Fensterwald of Washington, denied this (Ervin had told reporters on 4/3 that "he thought" the leaks had come from McCord and his lawyers) and said he and his client had been "equally concerned" about the disclosures. Some of the disclosures were accurate, and some were "completely inaccurate," he added."

Tomorrow I'll try to get a large package of clippings in the mail for you. I have some Xeroxing to do first. One of the articles I'll be sending is from the Inquirer of 3/30/73, by their reporter Clark Hoyt, who is doingtheir WG coverage. It contains a graph which might be important, if just supplementing other things you know. He quotes Weicker from news conference in which he said that WH official who directed the espionage is still in WH, but refused to name. "But a Republican source told Knight Newspapers that Weicker has said privately that he believes Haldeman was the boss of the political spying." No other details on that.

The Hunt-Buckley thing you sent blew my mind--great!

Got to run. Best to you and Lil.

Howard

2 clips enclosed- more later.